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ORDER IN COUNCIL.

LAGOS PROTECTORATE ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1901.

Saint James's, 24th July, 1901.

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 24th day of *July*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS His Majesty hath acquired power and jurisdiction within divers countries on the West Coast of Africa, near or adjacent to His Majesty's Colony of Lagos:

And whereas by an Order in Council of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria bearing date the twenty-ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, it was provided that it should be lawful for the Legislative Council for the time being of the Colony of Lagos, by Ordinance or Ordinances, to exercise and provide for giving effect to all such powers and jurisdiction as Her Majesty might, at any time before or after the passing of the said Order in Council, have acquired in the said territories adjacent to the Colony of Lagos, subject to such provisions as are in the said Order in Council described and set forth:

And whereas by a further Order of Her late Majesty in Council, bearing date the twenty-seventh December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, provision was made for the exercise of Her Majesty's jurisdiction within the territories therein described and set forth:

And whereas the said last-recited Order has never been brought into operation within the said territories, and it is expedient that the said Order should be revoked:

And whereas it is expedient to define the limits within which the powers and jurisdiction of His Majesty in the said territories under the provisions of the Order in Council of the twenty-ninth December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven shall in future be exercised:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers by "The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," or otherwise in His Majesty vested, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

I. This Order may be cited as the "Lagos Protectorate Order in Council, 1901."

II. Subject to the provisions of the said Order in Council of the twenty-ninth December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, the Legislative Council for the time being of the Colony of Lagos may, by Ordinance or Ordinances, exercise and provide for giving effect to all such powers and jurisdiction as His Majesty may, at any time either before or after the passing of this Order, have acquired or may acquire within such of the territories of the West Coast of Africa near or adjacent to the Colony of Lagos as are within the limits of this Order.

Provided that nothing in any such Ordinance or Ordinances contained shall take away or affect any rights secured to any natives in the said territories by any treaties or agreements made on behalf or with the sanction of His Majesty, and that all such treaties and agreements shall be and remain operative and in force, and that all pledges and undertakings therein contained shall remain mutually binding on all parties to the same.

III. The limits of this Order are the territories of Africa which are bounded on the south by the Atlantic Ocean, on the west by the line of the frontier between the British and French possessions, on the north and north-east by the British Protectorate of Northern Nigeria, and on the east by the British Protectorate of Southern Nigeria.

Provided always, that such parts of the territories so bounded as are within that portion of His Majesty's Dominions which is known as the Colony of Lagos, shall not be included within the limits of this Order. The territories within the limits of this Order shall be known and described as the Lagos Protectorate.

IV. The Order of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in Council of the twenty-seventh December one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine is hereby revoked.

V. This Order shall be published in the Gazette of the Colony of Lagos, and shall thereupon commence and come into operation; and the Governor shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places, and in such manner, and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within the Lagos Protectorate.

And the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State is to give the necessary direction herein accordingly. *A. W. FitzRoy.*

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